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Chief William Finney and the Saint Paul Police Department recently recognized the outstanding performance of five police officers, each for the courageous arrest of armed suspects.

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City Employee Picnic Returns to Como Park

Free Food and Beverages, Games, Health Fair and More

The annual City Employee Picnic returns to Como Park this year and promises food and fun for everyone. The Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 12, from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Como Park Pavilion East Picnic Area.

Nearly 1100 employees and their families went to last year's event. All food and beverages are provided. Food will be served from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Beverages will be served from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

After enjoying bratwurst, hot dogs, potato salad, Baker's Square pie and more, employees and their families can participate in one of many activities including:

Health Fair: The City's Risk Management Division will be holding its health fair, which features information displays, a dunk tank, moonwalk, basketball shoot off, radar ball toss and small games for children. *(see story page 2).*

Como Park: Enjoy one of the many Como Park activities: miniature golf, carnival rides, the Como Zoo and the Como Conservatory. There may be a small fee for some Como Park activities.

Mark August 12 on your calendar! We hope to see you there.

Volunteers Needed!

In order to make the employee picnic a success, the City Employee Services Committee needs your help.

Volunteers are needed to help set-up, clean-up, coordinate children's games and more.

Depending on the number of volunteers, some activities may be cut. To volunteer 1/2 hour of your time, please call:

Jody Winkler
266-6677

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Health Fair For Employees

The Health Fair, held in conjunction with the City of Saint Paul's Annual Employee Picnic, is less than one month away! Events are scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Como Park Pavilion.

More than 25 vendors will be participating in this year's Health Fair. Free chair massages, first-aid kits, bike demos, an appearance by Sparky the Fire Dog, and many more attractions are scheduled. The Health Fair will also feature a free moonwalk and speed-pitch game. Also, the dunk tank and dunkies will be there, with all proceeds donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

This is just a partial list of the activities you will find at the 1999 City of Saint Paul Health Fair/Employee Picnic. Mark your calendars, get family and friends together, and join us at Como Park on August 12!

City Hosts Domestic Preparedness Training

As part of a unified effort to better prepare local emergency responders for a terrorist attack, the Saint Paul Department of Fire and Safety Services recently hosted a series of workshops on Domestic Preparedness Training.

The training was conducted by the U.S. Army Solider and Biological Chemical Command and focused on actions to be taken to respond to an incident involving nuclear, biological or chemical agents. First responders includes members of the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, local hospitals and military institutions.

The specialized training will add to the proficiency of emergency response personnel who would most likely be the first responders to a terrorist incident. The training will also improve the coordination and recovery efforts among the many agencies that would be affected by such an occurrence and ensure that a well-planned defensive strategy is in place to cope with the impact.

Saint Paul is one of 120 cities throughout the United States to receive this training.

City Update Needs Your Help!

City Update wants to feature articles about all City departments and initiatives. If you have a story idea for an upcoming issue, please contact Jodi Ellwood at 266-8528 or jodi.ellwood@ci.stpaul.mn.us.



Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless is teaming up with Habitat for Humanity and public employees to help a family build their first home this summer.

Volunteers are needed in a number of areas including:

- Calling and Scheduling
- Food Coordination
- Publicity/Media Relations
- Materials/Donation Acquisition
- Construction Crew Leaders
- Construction Workers (all levels)

For more information, please visit www.oyh.org. To volunteer, please contact Open Your Heart at 651-224-8011 or mail@oyh.org

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless has been helping hungry and homeless people for more than 10 years. Public employees of state agencies, universities, public schools, cities, counties and metropolitan governments have responded to the needs of the increasing number of people who need assistance with food and shelter by contributing to Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless.

Downtown Fitness and Fun

Lifetime Fitness is hosting a Run, Ride, Roll and Rock competition/party on August 7.

8:30 a.m. Running, bicycling and in-line skating competition

6-11 p.m. Food, beverages and free music

Parking lot behind Lifetime Fitness-Minnesota Street between 4th and 5th. Downtown Saint Paul
Contact: 612-995-0227





Five St. Paul Officers Receive Medal of Merit

Five Saint Paul police officers were recently awarded with the department's second highest honor, the Medal of Merit. The Medal of Merit is a special honor and is awarded for "highly credible and unusual police accomplishment." Its level of recognition is second only to the Medal of Valor.

"The actions of these officers demonstrate the combination of high level of professionalism and self-sacrifice that has been the trademark of the Saint Paul Police Department throughout its history," Chief Finney said. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of these officers."

Medal of Merit Recipients:

Officer David Peterson: A five-year police veteran who patrols the central district, Officer Peterson received the Medal of Merit for interrupting a drug deal last year and then sub-



Sergeants Charles Anderson, Neil Nelson and Richard Munoz and Officer Timothy Lynaugh (see photo page 1): Homicide detectives Sgt. Anderson, Sgt. Nelson and Sgt. Munoz, and Canine Unit Officer Lynaugh received the Medal of Merit for their action in the apprehension of two armed

murder suspects. One of the suspects killed Officer Lynaugh's police dog, Callahan, during the pursuit.

The award ceremony was among the last on-duty tasks for Sgt. Anderson, who retired after 27 years on the force. The award was the second for Sgt. Munoz in his 22 years as a Saint Paul Police officer.



On the Calendar

Como Zoo Golf Classic Monday, August 9

Como Park Golf Course

Play a round of golf with chipping and putting contests; refreshments on course; awards barbecue at Como Zoo.

\$75 early morning or \$85 afternoon tee times.

Contact 651-487-8229

Japanese Garden Lantern Lighting Festival

Sunday, August 15

2 p.m. - dark

Como Park Conservatory

Festival of Obon and Japanese culture.

Free entertainment; garden admission applies.

Contact 651-487-8200

Employee Spotlight

John Koskinen, President Clinton's Y2K expert, said Saint Paul is not only ready for the Year 2000, but it has set the standard for preparedness.



Nearly 200 people -- from citizens and self-proclaimed Y2K experts to industry experts and government officials -- attended a Y2K Community Conversation in Saint Paul on July 21. Koskinen, who provided the keynote address, said Saint Paul is a great model for others (cities) to follow.

The event was also broadcast live on Minnesota Public Radio and metro cable channel 6.

The advice from the experts: prepare, don't panic.

Year 2000 Tips

- Create a three-day surplus of food, water and household supplies.
- Fill your automobile gas tank the last week of 1999.
- Keep hard copies of all important documents including bank statements, mortgage information, birth certificates and medical information.
- Don't stockpile flammable liquids or fuels in your home or garage.
- Don't use the telephone from midnight Dec. 31, 1999 through Jan. 1, 2000 unless it is an emergency.
- Get to know your neighbors and see if they need help.

www.stpaul.gov/y2k
Y2K Hotline: 266-6Y2K.



150 Trivia

Each week a trivia question about the history of Saint Paul will appear in City Update with answers provided in the following issue.

July 30 Trivia Question

Q: When were Saint Paul and Minneapolis first connected by telephone?

July 16 Trivia Question & Answer

Q: How long is the High Bridge and how wide is the central arch?

A: 2,770 feet long, with a central arch spanning 520 feet.

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Pioneer Party Calendar

Join in Saint Paul's 150th birthday celebration. Stop by these parties:

Saturday, July 31

Game 1 - 3 p.m.; Game 2 - 7 p.m.

The Fritz Klark Baseball Classic

Fritz Clark Field (Rice & Lawson)

Return to the old days of baseball, as former Rice Street Area Legion players will be recognized

Saturday, July 31

Noon - 3 p.m.

Blooming Days on Grand

Free flowers and desserts

Visual spectacle of gardens

Exhibits of local artisans

**For information on
Saint Paul's
Pioneer Parties,
visit
www.stpaul.gov**

Job Openings as of July 30, 1999

Application Deadline	Job Title	Bi-Weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
08/09/99	City Planner II	\$1341.10	08/17/99
Open	Clerk -Typist II	\$ 867.58	TBN
Open	Communications Technician	\$1359.09	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1111.53	Quals
Open	Engineering Aide II	\$1057.74	TBN
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$8.43 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$7.75 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1139.99	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1470.98	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1089.46	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1326.60	Quals
Open	Library Associate (part-time)	\$1086.23	Quals
Open	Park Aide (seasonal/part-time)	\$6.88 per hr	Quals
08/10/99	Senior Animal Control Officer (prom)	\$1257.20	08/16/99
Open	Ticket Sellers - River Centre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hr (in training)	TBN
08/09/99	Water Quality Specialist II	\$1464.86	08/12/99

****This is a walk-in examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.**

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources at 400 City Hall Annex to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Phone: (651) 266-6500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after July 21, please call the 24-hour job line (651) 266-6502.